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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hello! My name is Kristin Lange, and I have been appointed by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) to be a missionary in Wittenberg, Germany. I will be serving as the Managing Director of the International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg, gGmbH (ILSW). (←just the long German way of saying it is a non-profit), which means that I'll be overseeing the Wittenberg Project. I am absolutely excited to begin this new opportunity and humbled to have been chosen for it!

To share a little bit about myself, I was born in Concordia, MO, to a LCMS Lutheran pastor and LCMS teacher. My family moved to Topeka, KS when I was seven, when my dad accepted a call at St. John's Lutheran Church in Topeka. I was blessed to attend Topeka Lutheran School, and received what I still recognize now as one of the greatest gifts: an unapologetically Christ-centered education. From there, I went to Topeka High School, and on to St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where I majored in German and English. After working at Concordia University Irvine in California for the past year, I received this appointment to do what has been my prayer for years, to serve the Church in Wittenberg.

We have a newly-refurbished, though nearly 500 year-old building right in the heart of Wittenberg, which is the site of this mission. Through this new International Lutheran Center at the Old Latin School, the ILSW hopes to *welcome* visitors to Luther's hometown, provide ongoing *learning* through use of our dorms and classrooms, and to *witness* to those around us in Wittenberg. Sadly, only 13% of this pinnacle place in our church body's history profess any sort of Christianity at all today. The field is rich for God's love through Christ's atonement to be shared in Wittenberg!

Missionaries raise all of the funds they will need to deploy, and currently I am in that support raising phase. I visit congregations, schools, and individuals to share in more detail about this work I will be doing, and getting to know the people I will be serving as *their* missionary. It would be a delight to come visit you! My presentation discusses:

- Missionaries in general
- The Reformation/Luther (using a German Bible to discuss John 3:16, and highlighting the language discrepancy of the Reformation)
- Religious and day-to-day life in Wittenberg/ Germany
- International Lutheran Center
- Not many people there know Jesus' love anymore, which is why we need missionaries there.

If this interests you, please let me know! Aside from financial support, prayer support and encouragement are immeasurable gifts to a missionary. Thank you in advance for those and for considering this. God's rich blessings on another school year!

In Christ,
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